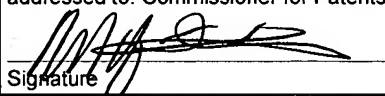




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Group Art Unit: 3723

Serial No.: 10/071,533

Examiner: Dung V. Nguyen

Filed: February 7, 2002

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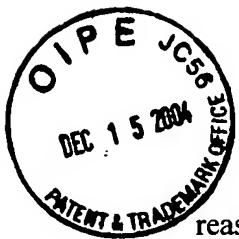
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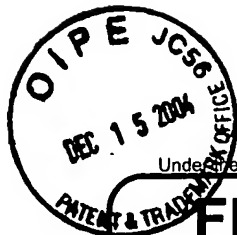
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